The names of 15 major countries from which tourists come to India are as follows: —

1. U.K. .
2. Bangladesh
3. Pakistan
4. U.S.A.
5. F.R.G.
6. France
7. Sri Lanka
8. Japan
9. Italy
10. Canada
11. U.S.S.R,
12. Switzerland
13. Malaysia
14. U.A.E.
15. Australia

(c) and (d) As per the statistics available from the State Government, the total number of tourists, both domestic and foreign, who visited Kashmir Valley during 1988-89 and first three months of 1989-90 are as given below: —

Year-	Number
1988-89	7,16,129
1989-90 (Upto June)	1,88,266

Casual Employees in **the** Railways

2706. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI; Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of casual employees in all the Railway zones at the close of the last financial year;

(b) what is the number of casual employees in the Railway^Ministry who have been working as such for more than two years; and

(c) the total number of casual employees of Railways dismissed during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRl MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

(c) Presumably reference is to cases of retrenchment of casual labour on completion of projects **for** which they were engaged. Information in this regard for the years 1987-88 and 1988-89 is also being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Nuclear test ban between India and Pakistan

2707. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY; Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister of Pakistan has been reported to have recently stated about the nuclear test ban between India and Pakistan;

(b) whether this subject has been discussed in the bilateral talks between india ana Pakistan; and

(c) if so what is the stand taken by Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE: MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRl K NATWAR SINGH); (a) Government have seen reports on Pakistan's proposal **for a** nuclear test ban treaty. This proposal was reiterated by the Prime Minister Of Pakistan during her recent visit to USA.

(b) and (c) The nuclear issue comes up for discussion in bilateral talks between the two countries from time to time. Government of India's view is that the issue of nuclear weapons proliferation has global implications and cannot be tackled on a regional or bilateral basis.